



## Maryland Transportation Plan (MTP) TBU Engagement Session

On December 1, 2017 the TSO held a TBU Engagement Session. The purpose of the facilitated meeting was to achieve a **clear understanding** across all TBUs for what the updated Maryland Transportation Plan (MTP) must achieve, what is in it, and why it matters.

66 MDOT employees participated from all 6 TBUs and the TSO.

### MEETING OBJECTIVES

During the TBU Engagement Session, participants:

1. Understood that the **Long Range Plan exists**.
2. Learned what the MTP purpose is, what it is used for, and what can be adjusted to improve it.
3. Understood **key trends and demographics**
4. Understood **how the MTP and the Excelsior dovetail** and how they support each other.
5. Aligned **on what is already "right"** in the long range plan and what might be changed or augmented to achieve success.
6. Understood **the challenges/ issues and opportunities** faced by the TBUs and key stakeholders and discussed how these could be addressed in the MTP.
6. **Learned from each other** and had our voices heard in the process of updating the plan.
7. Were able to **"connect the dots"** between the MTP and individual TBUs.
8. Developed a **strong sense of enthusiasm** and gained firm ownership of the plan going forward.

**MTP MUSTs:** The Maryland's Long Range Transportation Plan meets federal and state requirements. It is to be finalized by January 2019, as required by law.

#### The MTP:

- Must be **revised every 5 years** through a **public participation** process
- Must **include a 20-year forecast of State transportation needs**
- Must be **expressed in terms of goals and objectives**
- Must include a **summary of the types of projects and programs that are proposed** to accomplish the goals and objectives, using a multi-modal approach

### Challenges/Issues

- **Internal**
  - Needs frequently exceed resources
  - Consistent revenue stream
  - Staffing
    - Recruitment
    - Training
    - Retention
- **External**
  - Existing infrastructure condition
  - Environmental Changes
- **Diverse Set of Stakeholders**
  - Varying needs and competing priorities

### Opportunities

- **Improved Communication**
  - Stakeholder engagement
  - Intra MDOT: "One MDOT"
  - Communication of MDOT Successes
  - Public and MDOT employees may not realize MTP exists
    - Education
    - Public Outreach
- **Legislation that supports transportation goals**
- **Alternative sources of revenue**
- **Technology**
  - Analytics
  - Adaptability
  - Cyber Security
  - Drive stakeholder behavior
  - MDOT Evolve as technology evolves

### Priorities

- **Safety & Security**
  - Physical & Cyber
- **Travel Reliability**
- **System Quality**
  - Preservation
  - Modernization
- **System Capacity**
- **Regional Needs Approach**
- **Improved Communications**
  - Internal & External
- **Consistent Revenue**
- **Environment**
- **Economic Prosperity**
- **Quality Customer Service**
- **Using Resources Wisely**
- **Better Connections**



